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Data on transfers (fall of 1956) into one of the Wisconsin State-supported colleges from another State-supported or privately controlled college within the State, or from an institution of higher education outside the State. Emphasizes the desirability of maintaining or establishing policies of admission, accreditation, and curriculum programs which facilitate the education of students who, by choice or necessity, attend more than one college before graduation.

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STUDENTS WHO TRANSFERRED TO WISCONSIN'S COLLEGES, (FALL, 1956)
(State-Supported)*

Each year many students transfer from one college to another within the state and to and from colleges outside the state. This study summarizes information gathered about the students who transferred into one of Wisconsin's state-supported colleges at the beginning of the fall term, 1956. This information highlights the fact that it is the habit of a sizeable proportion of college students to attend more than one college.

Transfers Between State-Supported Institutions

Two thousand six hundred forty (2,640) students transferred into Wisconsin's state colleges or the University at the opening of school in September, 1956. About one-fourth of these students (615) were students who transferred from University Extension Centers to either the Madison or Milwaukee campus of the University. These students are not transfer students in the sense of changing institutions. They have been included because the students have transferred to new campus residences.

Two hundred sixty-seven (267) students transferred to the University (Madison campus) from the state colleges; 28 to the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee; and 15 to University Extension Centers. The state colleges received 138 students who transferred from the University (Madison and Milwaukee) and 39 who transferred from University Extension Centers. The University, therefore, had a net gain of 133 students in this exchange.

* A similar study is being made of students who transferred to private colleges.

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One hundred thirty-eight (138) students transferred from one state college to another. Each state college received some of these students; Eau Claire (27), Stout (19), Whitewater (19), and Stevens Point (16), receiving the largest numbers.

The state colleges received 58 students who transferred from county teachers colleges. Almost one-half of these students entered the State College at Oshkosh. Two county teachers college students transferred to the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee.

Forty-three students transferred to state-supported schools from the junior college program of the Milwaukee Vocational School. Thirty-four of these entered the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee.

Transfers from Wisconsin's Privately Controlled Colleges

Three hundred fifty-six (356) students transferred to state-controlled institutions from the privately-controlled colleges and universities in Wisconsin. About 70% of these students transferred to the University (Madison, 140; Milwaukee, 81; Extension Centers, 27); 30%, or 188 students, transferred to the state colleges.

Transfers from Colleges Outside Wisconsin

Eight hundred thirty-three (833) students transferred from colleges outside Wisconsin. Two hundred seventeen (217) of these students entered the state colleges and six hundred sixteen (616) entered the University (Madison, 481; Milwaukee, 107; Extension Centers, 28). These students transferred from about 350 different schools located in 39 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and five foreign countries.

The students transferring from colleges outside Wisconsin are composed of a large segment of Wisconsin residents transferring to colleges within their home state, in addition to non-resident students transferring to Wisconsin colleges. Eighty-five to ninety percent (85-90%) of the 2,640 transferring students covered in this study were residents of Wisconsin.

Data on students transferring to individual colleges indicated that from 35% to 50% of the Wisconsin students transferred to colleges located within their home counties or in a contiguous county.

Courses Entered by Transferring Students

The transferring students entered the available courses in their schools in the proportions shown as follows:

1. State Colleges

Teacher Education:		39%
Elementary	22%	
Secondary	17%	
Liberal Arts		24%
Pre-Professional		12%
Special Courses (Music, Art, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, etc.)		25%

2. University

Liberal Arts	31%	Agriculture	3.0%
Engineering	27%	Home Economics	2.5%
Commerce	14%	Law	2.5%
Education	9%	Nursing	2.0%
Pharmacy	3.5%	Journalism	1.5%
		Other	4.0%

Classes in which Students Transfer

The following table indicates that the preponderance of students transfer as freshmen or sophomores, about 75% of the total number. Very few students (5-9%) transfer in the senior year; some of these are students entering Law School or other advanced level courses in the University.

	State Colleges	University
Senior (or Special)	5%	9%
Junior	22%	25%
Sophomore	42%	42%
Freshman	31%	24%

In summary, these observations and implications are suggested:

1. It is the habit of sizeable numbers of students to attend more than one college.

2. There is a sizeable exchange of students among colleges in Wisconsin (1/2 the total number of transferring students).

3. Sizeable numbers of Wisconsin residents return to Wisconsin schools after attending colleges outside the state.

4. Students who transfer tend to go to colleges closer to their homes.

5. The extent of migration of students emphasizes the desirability of maintaining or establishing policies of admission, and accreditation and curricular programs which facilitate the education of students who, by choice or necessity, attend more than one college before graduation.

STUDENTS WHO TRANSFERRED TO STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES
(Fall 1956)

	FROM							
TO:	University	Extension Centers	State Colleges	County Teachers Col.	Milwaukee Junior Col.	Wisconsin Private Col.	Colleges Outside Wis.	TOTAL
STATE COLLEGES:	(138)	(39)	(138)	(58)	(4)	(108)	(217)	(702)
Eau Claire	14	--	27	5	1	8	27	82
La Crosse	16	3	9	4	--	11	15	58
Oshkosh	31	19	10	27	--	33	26	146
Platteville	10	--	8	--	1	6	19	44
River Falls	3	--	11	1	--	3	19	37
Stevens Point	19	12	16	4	--	15	28	94
Stout	5	4	19	--	1	7	31	67
Superior	7	1	8	10	--	7	31	64
Inst. of Tech.	7	--	11	--	--	4	3	25
Whitewater	26	--	19	7	1	14	18	85
UNIVERSITY:	(108)	(615)	(310)	(2)	(39)	(248)	(616)	(1938)
Madison	--	561	267	--	5	140	481	1454
UW--Milwaukee	91	54	28	2	34	81	107	397
Ext. Centers	17	--	15	--	--	27	28	87
GRAND TOTAL	246	654	448	60	43	356	833	2640

RESIDENCE OF STUDENTS TRANSFERRING FROM OTHER COLLEGES:

To	Wisconsin	Other States
State Colleges	85%	15%
University (Total)	89%	11%